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**117TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CDA
Saturday, May 5 - Monday, May 7, 2007**

Leigh Harman, Acting Recording Secretary, reports:

The 117th Annual Meeting of the Colonial Dames of America began on Saturday, May 5, 2007. The Executive Council meeting was called to order in the upper hall of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum. President General Audrey A. Svensson opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Svensson welcomed the chapter presidents, delegates, and members of the Board of Managers and Committee Chairmen. The reading of the minutes of the Saturday, May 6, 2006, meeting was formally waived. Following the roll call, chapter reports were read. Delegates from twelve chapters were represented.

CHAPTER II, Philadelphia, PA Lynn Klein	President
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CHAPTER XXX, Venice, Florida Virginia Chase	President
CHAPTER XXXI, South Carolina Dyane Kellogg	President

On Saturday evening, the President's Award for Excellence Dinner at The "21" Club was highlighted by toasts to the two winners of the tenth annual award, Chapter X, Rome and Chapter XI, London.

On Sunday afternoon, May 6, President General Audrey Svensson welcomed guests to the beautiful garden of the Museum. The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum and its period rooms, including the model of the original carriage house, were open for viewing.

The 117th Annual Meeting of The Colonial Dames of America was called to order at 12:15 p.m., Monday, May 7, 2007, at The University Club. President General Audrey

Svensson presided with 96 members in attendance, including 32 members from chapters throughout the United States and abroad. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the In Memoriam list for 2006-2007 was read. A motion was made and approved to waive the reading of the minutes of the Monday, May 8, 2006, Annual Meeting. A motion was made to ratify the actions of the Board for the year.

Anne Farley, chairman of the Book Award Committee, introduced the winners of the 2006 Book Award. Mrs. Farley presented our Young Readers Award to *Saving the Buffalo*, by Albert Marrin, published by Scholastic Press. Citations were awarded to *Jamestowne: The Buried Truth*, by Dr. William Kelso, published by University of Virginia Press and *Mayflower*, by Nathaniel Philbrick, published by Viking-Penguin. *Team of Rivals*, by Doris Kearns Goodwin, published by Simon & Schuster, won the 2006 Book Award.

The result of the election was approved. Audrey Svensson thanked Rebecca Madsen, chairman of the Nominating Committee. Inspectors of Election Nancy Moon Gordon and Julia Ryan announced that 602 proxy votes were counted, and approved the slate as presented by Mrs. Madsen.

Nancy Jones read the treasurer's report. The reports of the Regular Committees of the Society and the Standing Committees of the Parent Chapter were presented. Acting Museum Director Rosalind Muggeridge presented the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden report.

President General Audrey Svensson gave an informative report to the members. The 117th Annual Meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT GENERAL

Monday, May 7, 2007

Audrey A. Svensson, President General, reports:

I am so pleased to stand before you reporting at this one hundred and seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Colonial Dames of America. This is the first meeting that I am honored to Chair, having just completed my first year serving as your President General. And what a wonderful event-filled year this has been.

We were off to a good start with an Evening Garden Party on June 21, 2006, to mark the beginning of the 400th Anniversary of the Founding of Jamestown. Sponsored jointly by the Ancient Planters, Sons of the American Revolution and Mary Washington Colonial Chapter of the DAR, it was a resounding success, and although it was not intended as a fundraiser, we were able to round out our scholarship money for graduate students in Virginia. The fact that we were blessed with a perfect Midsummer's Eve was serendipitous.

On September 15, we had a once in a lifetime event—a surprise party for Deidre Bay, to mark her 25 years of service for the Colonial Dames. We gathered in the Tavern Room of the Museum. I believe Deidre was truly surprised, if the expression on her face was any indication, when the door opened. Kathy Springhorn helped prepare the delicious luncheon and brought the flowers. Lynette Jaffe, Anne Farley and museum staff helped with the details and preparation. Four past presidents came to mark the occasion as we expressed our thanks and love.

September 21 was the date of our Scarf-Tying Party, also held in the Tavern Room. Marisol Deluna, of Deluna by Design, demonstrated the many ways to wear the beautiful blue, gold, and green silk scarf that she designed for the CDA. I

see that many of you are wearing yours today. Our scarf continues to be a best seller, and a purchase is still possible if you have not yet had the opportunity to do so.

A Bricks and Mortar fundraiser honoring our own Esther Leeming Tuttle and benefiting the repointing of the museum masonry was held on October 3. With the hard work of Hospitality Chair Elbrun Kimmelman and Kathy Springhorn, and also Deidre, Terry and Minna, this event was a resounding success, raising more than \$15,000. The graphics and design of the invitation was done "in house" by museum staffer Rosalind Muggeridge.

October also brought us the Second Annual Former Board Members Luncheon, held in the Museum's Tavern Room. It is always fun for past and present board members to get together, and this luncheon was no exception. We look forward to our third luncheon this fall. The Scholarship Committee hosted a lecture October 17, featuring Ronald Hoffman, the director of the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture at William and Mary. Dr. Hoffman spoke on the history of the Institute. The Omohundro Institute has been a recipient of scholarship funding in the past, and we enjoyed this informative talk. Several members of the Institute accompanied Dr. Hoffman.

And, in November, Shirley Dixon Miller and I carried our CDA Flag at the Annual Flag Service at Saint Thomas Cathedral. Many of us belonging to other patriotic societies were there carrying flags. We all gathered around our CDA Flag for a group picture after the service. Perhaps you saw that picture in our Winter Newsletter.

Our annual Christmas Party had a different twist this year. We had an international theme, and celebrated Scandinavia's Saint Lucia. Elbrun Kimmelman designed the "Lucia" on our invitation. The party was complete with Lucia in traditional costume and with candles in her hair. Dame granddaughter Polina Svensson, as Lucia, led the procession. Her attendants were Daughter Dames Eleanor Ryan, Dorothea Jorgensen, and Diana Jorgensen. Calder Ryan was the "Star Boy." Carrying electric candles, the children processed throughout the Museum to the music of Enrico Caruso singing the Lucia Song. Then they passed trays of Swedish pepparkakor cookies, and 400 authentic Lucia confections baked that morning by Amoret Jorgensen.

Our chapters are the lifeblood of our organization, and I was happy to visit six this past year. Patty Jones, standing in for me, kindly visited two more: Chapter I, Baltimore, and Chapter III, Washington DC. My first visit was to Chapter II at Lemon Hill last May, when I attended their annual meeting. On January 24, this year, I visited President Diane Schaaf and other members of Chapter XXIX at a delightful luncheon at the Hope Valley Country Club in Durham, NC. The following day, I attended the meeting of new Chapter XXXI-- the first CDA Chapter in South Carolina --at the Hopsewee Plantation. President Dyane Kellogg presided at this inaugural event.

My husband and I were both guests at the Annual Colonial Wars/Colonial Dames Ball held at the Everglades Club in Palm Beach on Friday, February 2. On Saturday, I used our new digital projector for a slide talk about the history of the CDA for Chapter XVII's Winter Tea. The projector was a generous gift from Chapter XVII to the Parent Chapter and the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden. That night, Palm Beach Chapter President Brantley Knowles and her husband Peter hosted an elegant dinner in the Library of the Everglades Club in honor of this President General. It was an elegant and fun weekend.

On February 7, I attended a lovely luncheon in Venice, FL, with Chapter XXX President Virginia Chase and the members of her board. It was gratifying to visit Chapter XXX now as President General, as I had helped them get started while serving as chapter liaison under past president general Helen Evans. I am happy to report that their chapter is thriving.

The last visit of my "Winter Tour" was to Chapter XXIV at the Cherokee Town and Country Club in Atlanta, GA, on February 15. President Ruth Reddick and members of her chapter extended real southern hospitality, including among other delights: a framed welcoming citation from Governor Sonny Perdue, a sculptural rendering of a Georgia peach from the Frabel Studio, and a hand-packed basket of Georgia goodies. It was good to see Georgia friends Carol and Lowrey McNeel in Atlanta. We have been together for many annual CDA weekends in New York.

At our February board meeting we approved a petition signed by seventeen ladies to form a new chapter in Missouri. This is keeping Terry Comer very busy processing papers, as only one lady, President Dorothy Baumgartner, is already a Dame. We welcome Chapter XXXII and all of these ladies into our society.

The Book Award Committee, under the leadership of Anne Farley, held a talk by Robert Meyjes, husband of member Pamela Meyjes in March. Robbie Meyjes, author of "*Abandoned Property*," enthralled us with tales of Holland before and during the Second World War. It was a fascinating evening with the Dutch theme carried out in the refreshments. Lynette Jaffe of the Hospitality Committee provided wine and Dutch cheese. His Excellency Frank Majoor, ambassador and permanent representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations, attended with Mrs. Majoor. The museum staff conducted a private tour for the Majoors, pointing out many of the Dutch influences in the Museum. We had an excellent turnout. There was not a spare chair in the upstairs parlor room of the Museum. I thank Anne for all of her work planning and promoting this successful evening.

In April, I regretfully accepted the resignation of Minna Schneider as director of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden. At the same time I acknowledge this move as an advancement in the career of a very talented woman whom we have had the fortune of retaining for ten years. Under Minna, our Museum has grown into a vibrant force in many directions, not the least in the field of education for school children. She leaves behind a talented and devoted staff that will continue to serve us well.

I am delighted that Rosalind Muggeridge has accepted the position of acting museum director. Rosalind has been a key player in Minna's administration, and we continue to progress forward without missing a beat. Past President General Helen Evans is heading up the search committee for a permanent director.

Before the Executive Council meeting on Saturday, I presented a digital presentation of some CDA history. My project as President General is to archive these ancient slides into digital form, to preserve them for the future.

At the Executive Council meeting we heard wonderful reports from our chapter presidents and delegates. Our thanks again to the many chapters that have contributed to our museum and scholarship programs throughout the year.

On Saturday night we held our 10th Annual Award for Excellence Dinner at the renowned "21" Club. Two awards were presented this year: President Sharrilyn De Masi accepted for Chapter X, Rome, Italy. Their project is to publish a booklet about the Americans buried in the famous Protestant Cemetery in Rome. Ellen

Davidson accepted for Chapter XI, London, England. They will replace an ancient, worn sign with a new legible one in the American Garden in Bath.

As we honor our past, we look to the future. Catherine Brawer has wonderful ideas for expanding our website. Past President General Patty Jones is heading a Long Range Planning Committee. At the Executive Council Meeting on Saturday, we voted to make our Annual Report available on the CDA Website, password protected, for the first time. Next weekend, under the guidance of Past President General Charlotte Miller and Chapter XXIII, Virginia, many of us will attend the Celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the Founding of Jamestown. On Tuesday, May 15 at 6:30 we have a brand-new venture under the leadership of Anne Farley, Book Award chair. We are hosting a book event in conjunction with publisher Simon and Schuster. Author David O. Stewart will talk about his newly published book, *The Summer of 1787*. This is a free program open to the public.

And so one year has quickly passed. I want to thank my board of managers, the past presidents general and committee chairmen for this year. I want to thank our chapters for all of their support to our organization in general, and me in particular. I want to thank Terry Comer for her dedicated work, and I want to thank Deidre Bay for her day-to-day help and institutional memory, which makes my job so much easier.

We of the Colonial Dames of America are marching forward and I hope to see you all here again next year. Have a safe trip home, and stay in touch.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Monday, May 7, 2007

Shirley Dixon Miller, Treasurer, reports:

The Board of Managers approved an operating Budget for FYE March 31, 2008. The CDA budget for FY08 is \$336,900, compared to \$321,945 for FY07, an increase of \$14,955. The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum budget for FY08 is \$387,612, compared to \$432,450 in FY07, a decrease of \$44,838. Our total operating budget for FY08 is \$724,512, compared to the FY07 budget of \$754,395, an overall decrease of \$29,883.

Included in our operating budget is \$11,770, representing the cost of our six percent match for our Employee Pension Plan, plus an administrative cost of \$1,470.

Also approved was a capital budget for FYE March 31, 2008, totaling \$155,000. The largest capital expenditure in this budget is \$150,000 for the Abigail Adams Smith Auditorium restoration.

It has been an honor for me to serve as CDA treasurer for the past four years: one year as assistant treasurer and three years as treasurer. I would like to thank Deidre Bay, Terry Comer and John Evans for their help and advice. The CDA is most fortunate to have them on our staff.

MOUNT VERNON HOTEL MUSEUM REPORT

Monday, May 7, 2007

Rosalind Muggeridge, Acting Museum Director, reports:

I am honored and excited to assume the role of acting director of the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden and I thank the CDA Board of Managers for this opportunity.

This year the organization said goodbye to Director Minna Schneider who led the Museum to much growth and success, and who will be sorely missed. We wish her the best of luck in all her future endeavors. We are happy to welcome Amanda Wheeler as a full-time member of the education department. Her hard work and dedication is especially welcome as the staff moves through this period of transition.

This past year saw the completion of a major capital project to repoint and secure the north and south facades of the Museum. Due to the hard work of the museum staff, a \$75,000 federal grant was secured to defray costs. At the project's completion, the CDA paid well under the projected budget of \$200,000.

Besides the over \$150,000 received in grants this past fiscal year, the Museum's revenue positive programs, such as site rentals and adult tours, went from insignificant amounts in previous years to bringing in over \$20,000 this year. Part of this revenue comes from a relationship which was cultivated with The History Channel. This year the producers chose the Upper Hall as the perfect backdrop for a series of interviews on Abraham Lincoln.

This year the Education Department expanded its roster of educational offerings to include two new programs for school-aged groups not previously served by the Museum: *Let's Explore* for kindergarten students, and *Daily Life at the Hotel* for high school. The Museum also implemented a new education program for seniors, *Jim Lowe Taps Manhattan*. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, *Jim Lowe Taps Manhattan* is an interactive dance program that interweaves the early history of tap dancing with life in early 1800's New York City as told by one of its early proponents, Jim Lowe, an African-American dancer. With the actor Joseph Webb playing Jim Lowe, the museum staff will visit a dozen senior centers this summer and fall. Early feedback from seniors for *Jim Lowe* has been highly favorable.

Included in the nearly 5,000 students who visited the Museum this year were the 1800 children who attended the interactive musical, *Fare for All*. Developed in 1995 with New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) funding, *Fare for All* features a score composed by Mark Hollmann, 2002 Tony Award winner for the Broadway musical *Urinetown*. The play is set at the Mount Vernon Hotel in 1830. Developed for children in grades 2-6, the musical was created in direct response to lengthy discussions and experiences with teachers of these grades who believed students learn most effectively through personal experience, interaction and sensory exploration. With funding obtained by the staff, the Museum was able to expand its outreach to include members of New York City's deaf population, who previously had not been able to participate in this unique educational experience.

The number of attendees at public programs also continues to rise. This year the museum held its successful annual events, including the *Summer Garden Evenings*, October's *An Evening with Poe*, December's *Candlelight Tours*, and February's *Washington's Birthday Ball*. Successful new programs included spring's "An Operatic Evening" and "Oysters in Every Style." Although the

admission fee was slightly higher for these two programs, each one sold out in record time and both evenings were a tremendous success.

The reproduction dress which was added to the collection in 2005 will now be joined by a 19th Century calash bonnet. Museum Curator Lisa Bedell obtained a grant through the Lower Hudson Conference to restore the bonnet, which had been in storage and was not on display because of its condition. The bonnet is an example of the kind of hat a visitor to the Mount Vernon Hotel might have worn for travel.

Colonial Dame and former Board member, Mrs. Nils Anderson, Jr., donated the bonnet to the MVHM in 1981. According to a letter from Nancy Bounty addressed to Mrs. Anderson and dated September 14, 1981, the bonnet belonged to Eliza Ann Fanshaw Stover (died 1853), the great-grandmother of Nancy Bounty. Eliza Ann lived on the Upper East Side, on Third Avenue between 90th and 92nd Streets, in her father's home that overlooked Hell's Gate. Their home had originally operated as an inn.

Lisa also worked with the staff to complete the Museum Timeline, which will hang in the Orientation Center. The timeline is a visually striking educational tool which takes visitors through the Museum's time period highlighting important historical dates and figures, as well as spanning the life of the building and organization.

All of these achievements are due to the dedicated and talented museum staff: Lisa Bedell, Deborah O'Neill and Amanda Wheeler, and to the support of the Colonial Dames of America. Our Museum continues to thrive and grow in an increasingly competitive environment, and we couldn't do it without your support.

The completion of the repointing project, as well as the continued success of the educational programs, ensure that the little stone house we all love so much will stand tall for many years to come.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE SOCIETY

Book Award Committee

Anne Farley Hein, Chair, reports:

The CDA Book Award Program recognizes books of merit that bear on American life. To be considered, books must be new, non-fiction, and in one volume. Both author and publisher must be American.

Our Committee reads numerous candidates, and we meet several times a year to share our reviews along with reviews from other chapters. We are very grateful for the time that chapter members invest in reading and writing reviews. Thank you!

Our awards for the current year are:

- Book Award: *Team of Rivals* by Doris Kearns Goodwin
- Citations: *Jamestown: The Buried Truth*,
by William Kelso

Mayflower, by Nathaniel Philbrick
- Young Readers: *Saving the Buffalo*, by Albert Marrin

These are great books, and we recommend them to you.

Our lecture series featured Robert Meyjes, author of *Abandoned Property*, and spouse of member Pamela Meyjes. Mr. Meyjes' fascinating program addressed the history of the Netherlands around the time of WWII. We were pleased that H.E. Frank Majoor, ambassador and permanent representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations, attended this program with his wife, Dr. Danielle Majoor. Lynette Jaffe of the Hospitality Committee provided wine and Dutch cheese. This was a well-attended, successful event.

We are now looking forward to presenting new author David O. Stewart, who will discuss *The Summer of 1787*, his book about the writing of the U.S. Constitution.

Our Parent Chapter Committee continues to benefit from the active participation of former Chairs Marion McNeely and Rosemary Vietor, and President General Audrey Svensson. We are grateful to all of our Committee members – Nancy Moon, Debbie Kopinski, Lynette Jaffe, Julia Ryan, Farleigh Rozier, and Marie Powers, and to Terry Comer, who provides essential staff support.

By-Laws Committee

Alice M. Stuart, Chair, reports:

There have been no changes made to the by-laws during the past year. The By-Laws Committee is available to answer questions from the officers, the board of managers, and the chapters concerning the proper interpretation of our by-laws. It has been a pleasure to work with our President General during the past year and I want to thank Mrs. Svensson for her continued leadership and support.

Claims Committee

Beverley W. Sherrid, Registrar General, reports:

I am happy to tell you that 67 new members have joined the Colonial Dames this year. We have 3 new Daughter Dames. Nine members established supplemental claims, and we have documented 12 new ancestors. The Society has 1,967 members, including 85 emerita.

You may recall that we have scanned our approved ancestors' file into a computer format. This year, we sent copies of the file to interested chapters, providing an easy way to determine whether a candidate's ancestor claim is already valid. The Claims Committee also plans to compile a definitive list of eligible military offices, a murky subject among colonial militias. On another front, board member Anne Farley has been preparing an online application chart that we hope to make available soon.

My thanks to Terry Comer, who makes the wheels go round and offers friendship and advice to all. Thanks also to Pat Bereday, our gracious verifying genealogist.

Education and Scholarship Committee

Shirley Dixon Miller, Chair, reports:

The Scholarship Committee was honored to have visitors twice this year from the Omohundro Institute of Early American History and Culture, a division of William and Mary. The visitors were Mr. Ronald Hoffman, director, his assistant, Sally, and Shawn A. Holl, director of Development. They gave a very interesting lecture at the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum in the Tavern Room. We were happy to once again give a fellowship there in the amount of \$5,000. We have a great relationship with this Institution, and do hope to continue our support there.

We were also happy to once again give \$10,000 to the Graduate Center of History of the City University of New York. The Graduate Center is ranked among the best in the country. Graduate students that receive this money are able to spend more time writing historical books. Professor Carol Berkin has written and is writing several such books at the moment.

We were also able to give \$1,800 to the Association for Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA). Special thanks to Chapter XXIII, Virginia for their \$200 contribution to make this total \$2,000. We think this is a very worthwhile project as well.

For the upcoming year, the budget for the Scholarship Committee has been cut once again to \$12,500. This means we will be unable to continue these programs without additional support from all of our members. We hope to raise this additional money for our projects. After all, the second objective of our by-laws is to provide educational opportunities and scholarships.

Finance Committee

Annette Geddes, Chair, reports:

The Finance Committee of the Colonial Dames of America is charged with oversight of the endowment assets and preparation of the annual operating and

capital budgets of the CDA and the Museum. The good news is that our conservatively managed portfolio grew to \$8,175,451 at the fiscal year end of March 31, 2007. The endowment is almost \$1.5 million larger than at year-end 2002. Adding back the \$1.3 million withdrawn over the last 4 years to pay expenses, our investments, including both fixed income and equities, have appreciated almost \$3 million, a gain of over 25%.

Over that time, we have let the stocks run up to 68% of the portfolio, while using the intermediate bond portfolio to fund the annual draw to support the CDA and the Museum. We are fortunate that even in an era of spectacularly low interest rates we have not needed to invade our common stock portfolio to pay operating expenses. The draw is based on a moving three-year average of the market value of the total portfolio. A few years ago, after the market correction, the Committee reluctantly raised the annual draw to 4.5% of assets in order to make ends meet. Happily this year's budget is built upon a 4% draw from the endowment equaling \$314,762 out of the total operating budget of \$724,512.

In the realm of trusts, estates and endowments the accepted amount considered reasonable to draw down each year, and still preserve assets for future generations, is 4%. The Finance Committee is pleased that the Dames once again conform to the "prudent man" rule.

The not so good news pertains to recent trends in the revenue portion of the CDA budget. The committee is concerned, because the ability of the Dames to fund our mission, to educate and promote the study of colonial America, depends upon the financial viability of the parent organization.

The Dames' single largest source of revenue is membership dues. Inspection of this category reveals troublesome trends. At a time when interest in genealogy is growing, fueled in part by the internet, other patriotic organizations in New York are enjoying healthy membership growth. Membership in the CDA, on the other hand, has been steadily declining. Currently at 316 members, the Parent Chapter is down 54 members for a decline of 15% since the year 2000, and stands almost 50% under the all time high of 606 members. Only the dues increase two years ago has stabilized this revenue line.

Although we are adding chapters, total membership in all the chapters has declined since 2000. In total, CDA membership is down from the peak of 2055 members 10 years ago. Only the increase in the chapter "head tax" from \$20 to \$30 has enabled this revenue category to show modest growth.

The next largest revenue category in the CDA budget is rental revenue from the Abigail Adams Smith Auditorium. This item is in sharp decline, showing a 30% drop in the past year. This is occurring while the economy of New York is robust, the neighborhood around our headquarters is becoming gentrified, and the G&B building is closing down. The culprit, no doubt, is the shabby look of this space, which we frankly have neglected as we invested in other areas, such as reinforcement of the Museum's exterior walls. As a remedy, the Finance Committee has allocated \$150,000 in this year's capital budget to begin upgrading this valuable asset.

Over the past several years, while protecting the Museum structure, we have under-invested in CDA headquarters to the detriment of the parent organization. Consequently, modifications in the operating budget were necessary this year in order to insure the future viability of the Colonial Dames of America. Over the past several years the Museum has received as much as 75% of the money drawn out of the endowment each year, leaving only 25% for the CDA. Over the past 10

years, according to audited reports from Condon, O'Meara, McGinty & Donnelly the Dames have contributed \$2,359,000 to fund the Museum's excess of expenses over income.

Given these revenue gaps, the only way to make ends meet this year was to reduce the Museum's share of the draw to 65% and increase the CDA portion to 35%. I know this change has generated much talk, so let me clarify that the amount we are discussing is only \$15,739, an amount which can be easily made up by grants to the Museum and attendance revenue.

Fortunately, the need to invest more of our dollars in the parent organization, upon which everything else depends, was well recognized by the Finance Committee and the Board of Managers, which both voted unanimously to support this year's budget. Two line items, in particular, will benefit from the increased allocation to the CDA. The first is \$5,000 earmarked for a professional upgrade of the CDA website to make it comparable to those of other patriotic societies with whom we compete for members. Secondly, the Finance Committee doubled the amount requested by the Membership Committee to fund their teas, in the hope that the Membership Committee will resume hosting bi-annual dedicated membership events.

In closing I want to thank my committee for taking the time this year to examine the longer term economics of the CDA and our capability to fulfill our mission in the future. I have enjoyed working with all the Dames on the Committee, a most congenial, thoughtful and astute group of ladies. I feel the utmost confidence in returning the stewardship of CDA finances to my friend and former colleague, Elizabeth Bramwell. May I please have a motion to accept the 2007-2008 budget?

Garden and Grounds Committees

Esther Leeming Tuttle, Chair, reports:

Our little Museum garden has often been referred to as an oasis in a city of stone and concrete. Our Garden Committee makes every effort to keep it that way. This has been the year of the prescriptive pruning and structuring for the feature ornamental trees in our garden. Particularly the London Plane trees against the rear wall, which have been severely cut back to promote a pollard look.

It has been a joy for me to have Farleigh Rozier serving with me as co-chairman. I wish to express my thanks to her and other members of our committee who have helped keep our garden beautiful. Also, my thanks to all of you for trusting me with the job for so many years. Regretfully I must resign, but I am happy to say that President General, Audrey Svensson has appointed Margaret Shields as chairman of the Garden and Grounds Committee. I will gladly stay on as co-chairman during this transition for one year.

Library and Archives Committee

Beverley W. Sherrid, Chair, reports:

Down in the mezzanine housing our library and archives, we have finished organizing our papers for Chapters I through IV. There will always be revisions as we delve into later chapters and new documents come to light. We hope, eventually, to compare our collection with corresponding records in the chapters to draw a more fully realized picture of the Dames' early years.

Our collection also houses a library of books and pamphlets revealing the tastes and interests of 19th Century New York's educated elite. This year, we sent a few of the most important volumes to a conservator. We plan to continue our conservation efforts next year.

You don't know the Library & Archives Committee unless you know my co-chair, Dey Gosse, who first recognized the importance of our collection and became its leading champion. You should also know how indebted we are to Deidre Bay, she of clear vision and sound advice. My thanks to both.

Personnel Committee

Sharon W. Vaino, Chair, reports:

During the past year, Personnel Committee members reviewed salary information, performance evaluations, attendance records, and accrued compensatory time for all full-time employees. Given the generous nature of the employee benefits package, the committee generally believed that the compensation and increases approved by the Finance Committee were reasonable.

The use of occasional temporary staff to fill in when necessary, given the CDA's limited permanent staff, was discussed. The committee also made a recommendation to the Board of Managers, which was accepted, that an annual report be made to it describing efforts to secure grants to meet Museum expenses.

The committee notes that Museum Director Minna Schneider has resigned after approximately a decade of dedicated service, and that Rosalind Muggeridge will serve as acting museum director while a search for a permanent director is conducted. Many thanks to our President General, other officers and committee members, and staff.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE PARENT CHAPTER

Colour Guard and Patriotic Activities Committee

Ripley G. Hathaway, Chair, reports:

Another year rolls around quickly. It was a quiet year for our committee. The excessive heat of last June 14 precluded us from marching last year. I hope this year we will muster more people and better weather. In November, at the Patriotic Service held at St. Thomas Church, Audrey Svensson and Shirley Dixon Miller trooped our colors. Thank you.

If you are interested in participating in the committee, please contact me or Deidre Bay. A special thanks to Deidre Bay for all of her support and help.

Events, Calendar and Hospitality Committee

Elbrun E. Kimmelman, Chair, reports:

The Hospitality Committee is bursting with enthusiasm, activities and growth. This year's Fall benefit, Bricks and Mortar, was successful in several ways. Wearing lawn shoes and honoring Esther Leeming Tuttle for her long service to

the Dames and, particularly, for her efforts to make the Garden-part of our Mount Vernon Hotel & Garden Museum an outstanding New York asset, we celebrated with a lively crowd of Dames and friends. Although the accounting was somewhat different, the Bricks and Mortar fundraiser was as successful as the previous year's Gazebo fundraiser. This is a very big achievement, as it shows our strength in being able to raise funds and gives us confidence to grow our success. These monies will be used to help pay for the major exterior restoration of the Museum building. We were also successful in establishing our fall fundraiser on the New York social calendar. People are already asking what we will do next fall on October 2nd. For our success, I would like to thank the Benefit Committee, including Margaret N. Allport, Catherine C. Brawer, Christine V. Emery, Anne Farley, Beverly C. Harman, Lynette M. Jaffe, Amoret T. Jorgensen, Pamela K. Meyjes, Shirley Dixon Miller, Farleigh H. Rozier, Julia R. Ryan, Kathleen E. Springhorn, Jane R. Stuart, Audrey A. Svensson, Jane H. Told, Christine N. Tredway, Esther Leeming Tuttle, Monica Smith Unger, Sharon W. Vaino, Rosemary S. Vietor, and Alicia S. Woodeson, as well as the museum staff and Deidre Bay.

Our Annual Christmas Party, with a special nod to our President General Audrey Svensson and her Swedish background, reached new lights. During the party, we watched a beautiful procession of Santa Lucia, with her crown of holly and lights, leading a parade of daughter Dames and Sons down the Museum staircase and mingling with guests, while passing out Amoret Jorgensen's home-made Swedish pepperkakor. Last year, we reported that our bartenders (the husbands of Dames) were gaining a reputation for pouring the best drinks in town. This year, we can add that our home-baked pepperkakor have the reputation of being the most delicious of Christmas surprises.

We continued our tradition of having a special luncheon for past and current members of the Board of Managers. The committee also supplied victuals for the fabulously successful Author Program, as developed by book award Chairman Ann Farley Hein. I am delighted to announce that Kathy Springhorn and Lynette Jaffe have agreed to co-chair the Hospitality Committee, and I especially want to thank the committee co-chairs, Lynette Jaffe, Amoret Jorgensen, and committee members Catherine Brawer, Shirley Miller, Farleigh Rosier, Julia Ryan, Kathy Springhorn, Jane Stewart, Jane Told and Rosemary Vietor for the wonderful ideas, efforts and delicious treats they continue to supply.

The newsletter, which has existed under the umbrella of the Hospitality Committee and has been co-edited by Jane Told and myself, has been given its own budget and committee status. Jane and I will continue to co-edit the newsletter under the new Committee which is called communications and which I will chair. Julia Ryan has joined the Communications Committee to help develop the database. These changes reflect the growing strength and success of our committees in meeting the hospitality needs of our members and family patriotic societies.

Membership Committee

Jane R. Stuart, Chair, reports:

As of May 7, 2007, we have 315 active members in the Parent Chapter and 7 emerita, 6 deaths, 2 resignations, 3 Daughter Dames and 1 Daughter Dame activated to Junior member.

If any of the following six new members are present please stand when your name is read.

Anne Faulconer Hurley
(ancestor: Simon Meredith)

Diane Niles King
(ancestor: William Bradford)

Sarah Cumings Morse
(ancestor: William Brewster)

Kelly Bird Pierre
(ancestor: William Carpenter)

Diane Norfleet Quintana
(ancestor: William Cabell)

Lorraine France Weaver
(ancestor: Frances La Roy)

Museum Liaison

Rosemary S. Vietor, Chair, reports:

The Museum Liaison Committee acts as liaison between the Board of Managers of the Colonial Dames and the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden. The role of the committee is to foster communication between the Board and the employees of the Museum, which is a project of the Dames, and to encourage interest among our members in the Museum. Members of the committee have attended programs hosted for the general public by the Museum and, a few years ago, conducted a survey of CDA membership which addressed, among other issues, members' views and wishes for programming at the Museum. The number of our events held at the Museum has increased, which in turn fosters the relationship between the Colonial Dames of America and the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden.

REPORTS OF THE CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Chapter I - Baltimore, Maryland

Chartered in 1892

OFFICERS 2006-20076

President	Louisa P. Peters
First Vice-President	Susan S. Hawes
Treasurer.....	Marguerite I. Jones
Recording Secretary	Mary P. Schaeren
Corresponding Secretary	Hyatt H. Young
Registrar	Helen S. Riley

Chapter I continued its \$5,000 scholarship at Goucher College this year for a student majoring in historic preservation. For future years, the Board has instead established two new scholarship opportunities for students interested in early American history. A \$5,000 merit-based scholarship has been established at the Washington College C.V. Starr Center for the Study of the American Experience. Our scholarship will be available to students studying early American history, archaeology, and other related fields. Additionally, our funds will serve as the “seed money” for a larger scholarship program funded from additional sources and will support special supplemental programs for the scholarship recipients. A second \$1,500 scholarship has been established at St. Mary’s College of Maryland’s Summer Historical Archaeology Field School. Recipients of this scholarship will work with faculty members on the ongoing archaeological investigation of historic St. Mary’s City, Maryland’s first settlement.

Chapter I continues its support of Hampton, the eighteenth-century home of the Ridgely family. The house is currently undergoing a major HVAC installation, to be followed by newly researched interior decoration. Chapter I was pleased to be able to donate \$3,000 for a paint analysis of the parlour, and has pledged \$5,000 in the next fiscal year for appropriate reproduction fabrics for curtains and upholstery for the room. We hope to be able to initiate an annual party at Hampton to remind all our members of Chapter I’s continuing support of the property over many years.

The Board is committed to attracting appropriate new members to Chapter I. With this goal in mind, the Board has engaged a professional genealogist to assist prospective members in completing their papers in a timely manner. The Board now offers candidates completing their papers up to \$100 towards the fee, with the balance being the responsibility of the candidate. Membership currently stands at 71 active, 39 life, 9 courtesy, 5 junior, and 2 emerita. There are 19 candidates in various stages of completing their papers.

Members of Chapter I enjoyed many social activities this year, beginning with a delightful spring visit from Chapter XXIII – Virginia. Later in the summer, we enjoyed a family party with the Society of Colonial Wars. In October Chapter I held its annual Oyster Party to benefit the scholarship fund. This year’s highly successful party was particularly well attended by many prospective members and candidates, thanks to the hard work of the Membership Committee. A festive Christmas Tea was held at the home of Mrs. Clara Capehart Baker. Daughters, granddaughters, nieces and grandnieces were invited to participate. Looking ahead, Chapter I and the Maryland chapters of the Society of Colonial Wars, the Society of the Cincinnati, and the National Society of the Colonial Dames of

America are planning a formal dinner dance to be held next September for members of the four organizations and their prospective members. Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2007. Gregory R. Weidman, furnishings project coordinator for Hampton, will speak to us about the new interior decoration plans for the parlour.

Chapter II - Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Chartered in 1895

OFFICERS 2006-2007

PresidentLynne S. Klein
First Vice-PresidentEleanor T. Penniman
Second Vice-President.....Sarah C. Lang
Treasurer.....Jane M. Eppley
Recording Secretary Anna K. Iredale
Corresponding Secretary Marjorie F. Bowden
Registrar Marjorie F. Bowden

We have been implementing four new exciting theme tours at Lemon Hill—*building fortunes, life and death, summer villa entertaining, and a little paradise*. Our educational program has been successfully expanded by combining forces and sharing expenses with Laurel Hill.

The five-day holiday tour was attended by over 1,000 visitors. We are currently working on senior tours with high tea. With the opening of our viewshed to boathouse row and the art museum, Lemon Hill is visible to more visitors.

The Collection Committee has worked to improve our collection by purchasing six Philadelphia chairs for our main oval room.

Princeton in the fall proved glorious as our chapter visited the Thomas Clarke Farmstead, Morven, and the New Jersey Governor's mansion, Drumthwacket.

With the continued support of the Friends of Lemon Hill and a \$6,000 grant, future generations will be able to glimpse the past.

Chapter III - Washington, DC

Chartered in 1898

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President Barbara H. Carpenter
First Vice-President Mareen D. Hughes
Second Vice-President..... Mary W. Pfeifer
Treasurer..... Nancy C. Smith
Recording Secretary Harriet H. Stroup
Corresponding Secretary Jane C. McSwain
Registrar Robin W. Dougherty

With the new lease on our Abner Cloud House put in place during the administration of Christine Emery, immediate past president, Chapter III dames continue to enjoy good times and fellowship at the Abner Cloud.

In May we opened the house for a picnic lunch in appreciation for the National Park Service staff, with whom we work during the year. All who attended enjoyed our token of appreciation for their part in keeping the house in good repair.

As summer came to a close, Chapter III was once again at the house. On Monday, October 16, we enjoyed a delightful morning in the parlor as Carole Herrick, a local author, told about her book *August 24, 1814: Washington in Flames* and autographed copies for us. The house was so inviting with everyone gathered together listening to highlights of the events leading up to August 24, 1814, as Washingtonians began to realize the British were heading toward the city. Our historic Abner Cloud House was built in 1801, only a few years before this turbulent time in our nation's history.

November found our Dames at the Washington National Cathedral, touring and enjoying tea before the holidays. Our docent was very knowledgeable and all came away with a great understanding of this important landmark in our Nation's Capital.

Winter was very busy for our little jewel, the Abner Cloud. On December 2, we opened our house to the public for the first time in a number of years. The day was a splendid success, attracting close to 200 visitors from around the city. Our committee spent the morning decking our halls with holiday greens and wreaths that made the house come alive with holiday spirit. Our Dames served as docents, making our guests feel at home, along with serving hot cider and cookies. It was gratifying to hear so many compliments about our wonderful house. The next day we enjoyed our own and always festive and fun Christmas Party. As usual our Dames brought their favorite holiday goodies to share. Ending with the traditional singing of Christmas carols, our holiday season was off to a grand start.

On February 10, we toured Anderson House, home to the Society of the Cincinnati, and we ended our season with our always-popular annual meeting and luncheon at the Chevy Chase Club. With everyone in a festive mood, we welcomed spring and enjoyed a talk by Howard Denis, who spoke about historic events in Washington, DC, and some pending congressional legislation that had its roots in our early years.

Chapter III invites all Dames to come to Washington, especially in the spring when the city is gorgeous, and enjoy a visit to our beloved Abner Cloud House.

CHAPTER IV - Paris, France

Chartered in 1901

OFFICERS 2006-2007

PresidentMary A. deLyrot
First Vice-President.....Marina E.loy-Jacquillat
Second Vice-President.....Jocelyn M. Poux
Treasurer.....Susan F. Train
Recording SecretarySusan F. Train
Corresponding SecretarySusan F. Train
Registrar Evelyne L. Cheuvreux

Our 2006 achievement was a luncheon at the Mona Bismark Foundation in December, presided by Mrs. Stapelton, wife of the American Ambassador here. Close to 150 people attended and we raised 15,000 Euros for the frigate HERMIONE, scheduled to sail for Boston on 2011.

Chapter V - San Francisco, California,

Chartered in 1902

OFFICERS 2006-2007

PresidentRebecca S. Viebrock
First Vice-PresidentKathleen M. Martinelli
Treasurer.....Carol W. Kleyensteuber
Recording Secretary Barbara C. McNew
Corresponding Secretary Barbara C. McNew
RegistrarJo H. Marcus

The Annual Meeting of the members of Chapter V was held April 7, 2006, at the Bellevue Club in Oakland, California, at which time officers were elected and installed. It is an honor for this officer to have been elected president of Chapter V, which carries the responsibility to follow in the footsteps of her predecessors. Book Chairman Claire Liska's program was a review of the book *Revolutionary Mothers*.

Due to rising expenses, this year has been one of change in locations for chapter meetings. In June, members explored the Millbrae storage facility, Annie's Attic, in which chapter memorabilia and documents are stored. Following a restaurant luncheon, Elaine Oldham gave a report on the May 2006 CDA Annual Meeting in New York City. An October meeting was held at the Novato home of this officer, at which time a video program was presented of the Historic Jamestowne Rediscovery, a restoration project for which Chapter V and the Colonial Dames of America provide financial support.

A Christmas meeting and luncheon was hosted by chapter registrar Jo Marcus at the San Francisco Metropolitan Club, where this officer was pleased to provide a vocal program of holiday seasonal music. The February 2, 2006, meeting, also hosted by chapter registrar Jo Marcus, was at her home in the San Francisco Towers. A most intriguing and informative program on DNA as related to genealogy was presented.

The chapter's annual meeting April 6, 2007, held at the historic Camron-Stanford House in Oakland was arranged by Elaine Oldham who provided an informative guided tour. In 1998, Chapter V was the first chapter to receive a President's Award for Excellence. The award was in recognition of the Camron-Stanford House Preservation Association, a slide and tape conversion to video lecture on the historic site, produced and directed by member Elaine Oldham.

Although Chapter V regrets the resignation of two members for non-payment of dues, and are saddened by the deaths of Dorothy Hall on April 20, 2006, and Diane Wigton on November 11, 2006, we have five prospective members with approved worksheets. Chapter V has 30 active, 1 courtesy, and 3 emerita, making for a total of 34 members.

From our Scholarship Fund, Chapter V contributed \$2,500 to a scholar recipient, who is currently a junior at the University of Southern California. Chapter V also continues to financially support the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden.

This officer appreciates the opportunity given her to serve as chapter president, and is grateful for the dedicated leadership and support of its officers and members. It has been a privilege and honor to serve as president this past year, and I look forward to another productive year.

Chapter VI - Shreveport, Louisiana
Chartered in 1910

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President Elizabeth C. Taylor
First Vice-President Josephine G. Carmody
Treasurer..... Georgia F. Hodgson
Recording Secretary Norma M. Hardy
Corresponding Secretary Norma M. Hardy
Registrar Martha H. Thompson

Chapter VI had its first meeting of the 2006-2007 season in October. After a dutch treat luncheon and business meeting, members enjoyed an informative program on the origin and early years of the Colonial Dames. Our past president Martha Johnson hosted a festive Christmas luncheon in December. We will have another luncheon meeting in May.

Our officers are serving two-year terms so they remain the same for 2007-2008.

The Outstanding American History Student Award and Scholarship will be presented by our chapter at Centenary College on April 19, 2007.

Our Chapter was saddened by the loss of our beloved member, Nancy McClendon Sale.

Though our numbers continue to shrink we are managing to remain active.

Chapter VII - Nashville, Tennessee

Chartered in 1926

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President Joan F. Strauss
First Vice-President Brenda M. Resha
Second Vice-President..... Kathryn S. Dixon
Third Vice-President..... Gloria B. Hunt
Treasurer..... Joan L. Cherry
Recording Secretary Anne C. Calton
Corresponding Secretary Mary M. Brigance
Registrar Carol W. Cornell

The 2006 Fall Luncheon Meeting for Chapter VII was held at Belle Meade Country Club on September 29. Tony Turnbow of The Natchez Trace Association spoke about the restoration of this historic roadway.

Our spring meeting will be held on May 18 at The Centennial Club. Angela Calhoun, executive director of Carnton Mansion in Franklin, will speak.

Our work on the Aklen Family Papers continues at a lesser pace, as all of the recent acquisitions from the family have concerned business matters rather than the genealogical papers in which we are interested. The Belmont Mansion Director expects the family in Texas to release more papers to the mansion this summer.

Our \$2000 scholarship recipient has returned to East Tennessee. Our new scholar descends from the Jouett family of Virginia through the Jack Jouett line. Her PhD research will examine the writings of women who crossed the mountains in the 18th Century.

Chapter VIII – Houston, Texas

Chartered in 1928

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President Page T. Steele
First Vice-President JoLee P. Haddock
Second Vice-President..... Dorothy P. Graham
Treasurer..... Mary Ann S. Ford
Recording Secretary Margaret H. Hudson
Corresponding Secretary Dianne S. Anderson
Registrar Iris C. Eaton

Three luncheon meetings a year are planned for The Colonial Dames of America Chapter VIII. At our February 7, 2006, meeting President Victoria Loeb introduced me as president elect, as well as a slate of superb officers for the 2006-2008 term. This began what has been a very busy, productive, fun year for Chapter VIII.

At our first Board Meeting, it was voted to hold a raffle at each meeting to fund our chapter projects. Members would be encouraged to donate items at the October Meeting.

Our spring conference was held May 10, 2006, at The Briar Club with thirty-nine ladies in attendance. We announced three new perspective members. Diane Page gave a book review of Richard Cole's book *Strength and Honor: the Life of Dolley Madison*. Ann Bookout, vice regent of Mount Vernon from Texas, kept us spellbound with a presentation on President George Washington and His Beloved Mount Vernon.

In view of the war against terrorists we feel it appropriate to show support for the beloved service men and women of our country. As our project, Chapter VIII has had three large patriotic cards designed for members to communicate their feelings to these brave soldiers stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Our fall conference was held October 11, 2006, at the The Junior League of Houston and our "Cards to the Service Men and Women" project was enthusiastically accepted. Janet Wagner, speaker for the meeting, spoke on the 17th Century Colony in Texas. Our Annual Conference was held at The Briar Club on February 7, 2007, with an attendance of 55 members, perspective members and guests. Decorations of rose petals, candy bags and large handmade valentine hearts adorned each place setting. Each lady wrote a verse on the back of her valentine, signing it from The Colonial Dames of America, Chapter VIII. After the meeting the valentines were delivered to the Michael DeBakey Veteran's Hospital. Updated chapter directories were passed out.

Our project began at this meeting. We are sending each soldier a patriotic card containing as many personal notes from the members as can fit and to as many soldiers as we can find addresses for. At the writing of this report we have received several thank-you notes of appreciation. Our project will continue for the duration of the war. Our speaker in February was Dr. Virginia Brenhard, who spoke on THE WOMEN OF JAMESTOWNE, 1606-1607.

Ginger is quite an authority on American History, having retired in 2006 after a 35 year tenure as Professor of History, AT The University of St. Thomas, Houston. We announced a new member and seven prospective members, all of whom have accepted our invitation to membership.

What an eventful year this has been for Chapter VIII. It has been an honor, as well as my pleasure to serve as president of such an outstanding chapter. After many of our members return from the Annual Meeting in New York and the Jamestowne 400th Celebration, I look forward, with such excitement, to the beginning of my second term as president of The Colonial Dames of America Chapter VIII.

Chapter IX – Lexington, Kentucky

Chartered in 1929

OFFICERS 2006-2007

PresidentDorothy S. Reeves
First Vice-PresidentDorothea C. Thompson
Second Vice-President.....Martha D. Ross
Treasurer.....Jean E. Ayulo
Recording Secretary Mildred T. Lawrence
Corresponding Secretary Rebecca H. Turner
RegistrarAlberta B. Baker

On the second Thursday of October and again in June of each year, Chapter IX, Lexington, Kentucky, holds its meetings at Spindletop Hall, the Faculty Club of the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Spindletop is a lovely facility filled with beautiful furnishings, a very nice place to hold meetings of the Colonial Dames of America.

Chapter IX continues to provide financial assistance to the library at the University of Kentucky which houses the Rare Book Collection in the University Archives. Our second annual project provides financial help in maintaining new acquisitions for the Ephraim McDowell House Museum in Danville, Kentucky. These two projects have been continued on for many years, to the gratification of both the recipients and the donors.

The Executive Board of Chapter IX has provided exemplary leadership in helping the Chapter to meet its goals, and the membership has been faithful in its attendance and support. A new board will be elected in June 2007 and we look forward to the same high standards for service in the coming three years.

Chapter X - Rome, Italy

Chartered in 1930

OFFICERS 2006-2007

PresidentSharrilyn Whiting DeMasi
First Vice-President Flavia O. Accolti-Gil
Second Vice-President.....Sheila C. Danielli
RegistrarSharrilyn Whiting DeMasi

While Chapter X - Rome continues to be very small, we are pleased to have on our roster two second-generation Dames whose mothers were members in Rome, along with a third generation prospective.

Our membership goals continue to be: seek out eligible relatives of Dames in Italy who may wish to become members; encourage eligible Americans in Italy to renew ties to the United States for themselves and their descendants by becoming Dames; use our project at the Non-Catholic Cemetery in Rome to identify eligible descendants of Americans buried there.

Chapter X - Rome, met in Summer 2006 and in Winter 2007 at the home of Flavia Accolti Gil to discuss prospective members and the chapter project at the Non-Catholic Cemetery. We have moved forward by becoming involved in the activities of the cemetery support groups and by determining what we can do as a small chapter to assist in the efforts to preserve this endangered World Heritage site while raising the profile of the CDA in Italy.

Chapter XI - London, England

Chartered in 1930

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President.....Ellen M. Davidson
First Vice-PresidentNancy D. Gough
Second Vice-President..... Barbara S. Carse
Treasurer Barbara S. Carse
Recording Secretary..... Margaret B. Hallam
Corresponding Secretary.....Margaret B. Hallam
Registrar.....Nancy D. Gough

On Tuesday, 27th of March, I was received by Queen Elizabeth II at Buckingham Palace in my capacity as president of Chapter XI - London. It was an honor and a privilege. It is customary for the Queen to entertain the citizens of a foreign country in advance of a State Visit to foster good will. The May state visit will include a dinner at the White House with President George W. Bush, attendance at the Jamestown 400th Anniversary Celebrations in Virginia and the Kentucky Derby. On December 19, 2006, I attended a reception at the American Museum in the docklands to commemorate 400th anniversary of the launch of the ships to Jamestown.

The Chapter XI project this year is a Sign for Remembrance. At the American Museum in Britain in Bath the weather-worn sign at the Fairfax Memorial needs replacing. It tells the story of the friendship between George Washington and the Fairfaxes which was torn apart by the American Revolution.

Chapter XII - St. Louis, Missouri

Chartered in 1938

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President Betty Lou W. McAtee
First Vice-PresidentMary E. Boyd
Treasurer..... Betty H. Ford
Recording SecretaryPatricia C. Schoen
Corresponding Secretary.....Marion M. O'Brien
Registrar Margaret L. Carr

Chapter XII - St. Louis, meets twice a year on or near May 15 and October 15. We continue to meet at the Saint Louis Women's Club located in the Central West

End near the site of the 1904 Saint Louis World's Fair which was made famous by Judy Garland in "Meet Me In St. Louis." It is a tradition that punch is served prior to our luncheon, which is prepared by a genuine French chef on the staff.

Membership stands at 44 active members and 3 emerita members. We had one resignation, Mrs. Dorothy Baumgartner.

Contributions were made to the following: James McDonald - USO \$200, St. Louis Library - \$100 and the St. Louis County Library - \$100.

The October program was given by Chris Landrum on DNA research. Our May program was given by member Erika Pickard on "Making Silver Jewelry - The Lost Wax Method."

Erika Pickard, our book award chairman, chose two books – *Mayflower*, by Nathaniel Philbrick and *Team of Rivals*, by Doris Kearns Goodwin.

Chapter XIII – Kansas City, Missouri

Chartered in 1949

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President Rose H. Liestman
First Vice-President Mary Jo B. Leary
Treasurer.....Mary G. Wise
Recording Secretary Marjorie B. Willsey
Corresponding Secretary Nina G. Kanaga
Registrar Jeanne B. Bunn

Chapter XIII has forty-six members including six emeriti. This year we welcomed four new members by application and one through transfer: Mrs. Mary Bannister Frisch, Mrs. Paula Marcellus Jennings Johnson, Mrs. Iris Lavern Mendell Miller, Mrs. Georgette Jacqueline Stanley Page, and Mrs. Frances Marie Treiber Pattarini.

We were saddened by the death of Mrs. Dorothy Erwin Ellison. We have one more prospective member working on her application. We continue to meet at Indian Hills Country Club through the generosity of Mrs. Jody Kleweno who plans wonderful menus for us. However, this year we are trying something new and different--a summer catered luncheon in July at the Harris-Kearney House where we will tour the house and also view our latest gift of furniture, the antique dining room table and chairs.

This past year we have enjoyed two very special presentations: "Virginia Dare and the Lost Colony of Roanoke" and in March we were entertained and impressed by the talent and energy of our member Iris Miller and her husband Mel Miller. They dressed in authentic costume and exhibited lively and beautiful traditional German folk dancing. They explained the meaning of each dance and what their articles of clothing represented. Since most of us have some German ancestry this was very special to us!

Mrs. Nancy Garland Robertson will continue as our book chairman, while Mrs. Kleweno and Mrs. Liestman continue to head our chapter project, The Harris-Kearney House. This year we paid tribute to Mr. Roy C. Ranck, Jr., former curator and our friend, with donations to the Roy C. Ranck, Jr. Memorial Fence, which is to be built around the edges of the yard of the house.

It continues to be a pleasure and honor to serve as president of this wonderful group of women.

Chapter XIV - Chicago, Illinois

Chartered in 1952

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President..... Patricia C. Stahler
First Vice-President Clara G. Hoepfner
Second Vice-President..... Mary Lou M. Halamka
Treasurer Elaine B. Harwood
Recording Secretary..... Sandra O. Polito
Corresponding Secretary..... Mary V. Gustafson
Registrar Jayne H. Cates

In May we had our Annual Benefit Salad Luncheon at a home of a member's daughter in Deer Park. A review of the CDA annual Book Award winner's writings was the program.

Mid-September, lunch at Reggio's in Niles was followed by shopping for German Christmas-tree ornaments at European Imports for the Schmidt-Burnham Log House tree. Each member was given a small shopping list of items to find for purchase.

On December 10, we were the guests of a holiday gathering with members of the Winnetka Historical Society at the Log House. Our decorated and electric-candle-lit Christmas tree graced a corner of the main room for the holidays.

Our March meeting was at the University Club in Chicago. A discussion and review of the book, *Mayflower*, by Nathaniel Philbrick, was presented.

The chapter had 1 new member, 2 resigned members, and 6 prospective members who are working on their worksheets. Chapter contributions were made to the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum and the Jamestown Historic Preservation.

Chapter XV - Jackson, Mississippi

Chartered in 1954

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President.....Roberta A. Fortenberry
First Vice-PresidentMary Kay P. Hudson
TreasurerBetty A. Brown
Recording Secretary.....Betty S. Bradley
Corresponding Secretary.....Eliza A. Simmons
Registrar Rebecca M. Brannan

Chapter XV meets twice yearly, April and October. There are 72 active, 6 emerita with 2 resignations. Officers were installed in April 2006 for a three-year term.

In October, Chapter XV met at Jackson’s River Hills country club. The tables were decorated with flowers in duck containers, indicating our ducks are in a row. The speaker was Thomas Bowen, chair emeritus of Mississippi, Department of Defense agency for Employer Support for Guard and Reserve. Mr. Bowen’s topic, “Military Force with Zero Draft,” emphasized the use of trained military volunteers rather than recruits.

The April meeting will be at River Hills again. Walt Grayson, host of “Look Around Mississippi” and “Mississippi Roads,” whose films feature historic state sites, will speak.

Chapter XV contributed \$300 to the Historic Jamestown Project and continues to support the Halcyon Foundation, Mount Vernon Hotel Museum & Garden, and the Mary Flower Hendrix Nursing Scholarship Fund for loans made to the Mississippi College School of Nursing.

Chapter XVI - Des Moines, Iowa

Chartered in 1955

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President..... Roberta S. Parks
First Vice-PresidentElla C. Erskin
Second Vice-President..... Avo T. Davidson
Treasurer Nancy H. Ragsdale
Recording Secretary.....Beverly B. Lindsey
Corresponding Secretary.....Beverly B. Lindsey
RegistrarRaygena K. Garringer

The Des Moines Chapter XVI meets two times a year, generally the second Tuesday in May and the second Tuesday in October. We have eighteen members with our registrar working on three member’s papers.

The last two meetings have been at the Terra and Tea House in Valley Junction in Des Moines, Iowa. We have our business meeting and break for lunch and after

lunch we resume our meeting, followed by a program. Our members volunteer to give the program and they are very creative programs.

The Book Award chairman reviews the Parent Chapter's suggestions for the award. The books recommended are discussed.

Our annual meeting was held on October 1, 2006, and we held an election of new officers.

Our goal is to work on obtaining new members.

CHAPTER XVII - Palm Beach, Florida

Chartered in 1964

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President..... Brantley B. Knowles
First Vice-President Mary P. Yarnall
Second Vice-President.....Phyllis H. Dennis
Treasurer Jane H. Told
Recording Secretary..... Elizabeth B. Maxey
Corresponding Secretary.....Cynthia D. Hoyt
Registrar.....Phyllis H. Dennis

Over the last year, Chapter XVII has focused on our important mission of education and the preservation of history. The preservation of history has been not only of Palm Beach County, but also of the CDA at both the national and chapter level. This has been a three-pronged approach!

Palm Beach County history: Our special relationship with the Historical Society of Palm Beach County has afforded us many opportunities. In accordance with the Florida Educational Standards of Learning, fourth graders study their local and Florida history. In fulfillment of this requirement, the Historical Society and Chapter XVII have partnered in the funding of special art and education projects of all fourth graders in Palm Beach County. These young students, many of whom are immigrants, will learn more about their county and its history, and develop a true "pride of place." (This project complements our ongoing project of support for the Glades School, which caters to the most disadvantaged of the county, and to which we have donated over \$12,000 in past years.) Chapter XVII has funded the Historical Society's fourth grade project with a \$2,500 donation. Other monies have been donated by the chapter to help restore the magnificent Beaux Art 1916 courthouse, being renovated as a countrywide museum and headquarters of the Historical Society of Palm Beach County. Chapter XVII looks forward to an ongoing relationship with the Historical Society, and the education of all of the county's fourth graders.

Chapter history: Chapter XVII was founded in 1964. The archives of our chapter reflect nearly five decades of important chapter achievements, all dovetailing with the history of Palm Beach. After much thought and study, many boxes of documents, photographs, and scrapbooks were organized and donated to the Historical Society of

Palm Beach County. With a full-time staff archivist at the Historical Society, these Chapter XVII archives will be documented, inventoried and stored in a state-of-the-art environment, without our having the frequent worry of water damage and hurricanes. We will be able to access our archives when necessary, and the chapter archivists can add to our collection at the Historical Society on a yearly basis. The Historical Society is delighted to have our important archives, and plans to do an in-depth article about our archival gift in the local Palm Beach newspaper.

National CDA history: Chapter XVII has been interested in preserving the history of the CDA at the national level. The chapter wanted to adopt a project that would help the national CDA and the President educate members and others about the CDA, its history and accomplishments. To that end, approximately \$1,300 was raised by Chapter XVII, and a Dell 3400 MP digital projector and case was donated so that a Power Point presentation of the history of the CDA could be presented by the president general. The projector is so light that it can easily be taken when traveling from chapter to chapter. Soon all will share in the wonderful accomplishments and the history of the CDA.

Over the past year, Chapter XVII had three business meetings, followed by a speaker, and a tea:

December 2006-speaker: Reginald Stambauh of the Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach, topic: "Historic Preservation in Palm Beach."

February 2007-speaker: Audrey A. Svensson, CDA president general: topic "The History of the CDA."

April 2007-speaker: Dr. Julian Davis Hudson, executive director of the Historic Prestwould Foundation: topic: "Lady Jean Skipwith: A Liberated 18th Century Virginian."

Chapter XVII also co-hosted the annual gala at the Everglades Club with the Society of Colonial Wars in the State of Florida. Additionally, a Scholarship Bridge Luncheon was held at the Bath and Tennis club. Our field trip this year is sponsored by the Education Committee. We are planning a trip to visit disadvantaged immigrant's children at the Glades School, who have benefited so much from our chapter gifts.

In closing, Chapter XVII joins me in saying how proud we is to be part of such an august group as the CDA!

Chapter XVIII - Springfield, Ohio
Chartered in 1980

OFFICERS 2006-2007

PresidentJeanne H. Lampe-Ray
First Vice-President Mary S. Miller
Second Vice-President..... Anne C. Wagner
Treasurer.....Sara G. Winwood
Recording Secretary Emilou McDorman
Corresponding Secretary Emilou McDorman
Registrar Mary S. Miller

Chapter XVIII met at the Springfield Country Club in May, September and December 2006 and at the Pennsylvania House Museum in March 2007.

We number 30 members, with 1 prospective member awaiting final acceptance notification. Sadly, we lost 4 members, including Miss Emilou McDorman, a founding member; Mrs. Richard Heckler; Mrs. Charles Flook; and Mrs. Fred Buckley. Mrs. Douglas VanDerzee (Carrie Konop) was welcomed as a new member.

A contribution was made to the parent chapter in the amount of \$350, and \$150 was donated to the Wescott House, a renovated Frank Lloyd Wright house located in Springfield, Ohio.

During the year, programs for the meetings have focused on early local history or the ongoing presentations of the ancestor colonists' biographies. A program was presented on the Wescott House and a tour was given of the newly renovated Pennsylvania House Museum.

Chapter XIX – Florida Everglades
Chartered in 1982

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President Marsha L. Love
First Vice-PresidentDiane H. Hopkins
Second Vice-President..... Joanne S. Moore
Treasurer.....Gail B. Michaelsen
Recording Secretary Fleeta W. Peacock
Corresponding Secretary Marilyn J. Giancola
Registrar Imogene H. Lane

Florida Everglades Chapter has had an exciting and productive year. In November, members met at the Old School Square historic site in Delray Beach. The circa 1913 schoolhouse is on the National Register of Historic Places, and everyone enjoyed its ambience at a fall luncheon, surrounded by antique baskets of

Indian corn and apples, Speaker Judge Ernest Simon regaled us with stories of growing up in early Delray. Afterward members toured both the Old School Square facility and nearby Cason Cottage Museum, home of one of the city's pioneer citizens.

February found the group at the Country Club of Coral Gables where we hosted a "Distinguished American Women Luncheon" to celebrate our 25th birthday. Seated at tables double-skirted in coral and black and holding silver containers of shells, coral and starfish, guests enjoyed a splendid presentation by Karna Bodman, who was honored as a former senior director of the National Security Council under President Ronald Reagan. Mrs. Bodman entertained everyone with her experiences in the White House and how they led to the writing of her first novel, *Checkmate*. She autographed copies of the book for members afterwards, while they enjoyed a birthday cake covered in fondant shells and starfish. Two other women were also honored--Janet Reno, who was unable to attend at the last minute, and Imogene Lane, former chapter president and award-winning author.

In May the chapter will hold its annual meeting at the Island Country Club on Marco Island, overlooking the Gulf of Mexico.

Since Chapter XIX is in the unusual position of meeting on both coasts of Florida and of drawing members from various areas around the state, the chapter has decided to adopt three projects in order to facilitate the opportunity for its members to participate. "Women in Distress," a center for abused women in Ft. Lauderdale, was chosen as the project on the east coast, while the donation of genealogical books to libraries around the state was selected as the focus of members in the Panhandle. These two projects join Pat's Tot Care, a childcare facility for teenage mothers, emphasizing children's literacy on the west coast of the state. The Chapter also provides a scholarship to a student at Edison Community College each year.

Florida Everglades currently has 77 members and 12 Daughter Dames, and looks forward to a bright and meaningful future.

Chapter XX - Los Angeles, California

Chartered in 1982

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President Dorothy F. Peterson
First Vice-President Constance R. Fisher
Treasurer..... Diane C. Robertson
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Registrar Judith L. Cardinal

Chapter XX has held four meetings this past year. We have had interesting and varied programs. We have gained 2 new members, with papers for 2 more in progress. We have not lost any members this year. We meet on the first Friday of October, December, February, and May at the Woman's City Club in Pasadena. We have an average attendance of 20 at each meeting. A newsletter is sent three

to four weeks prior to our meetings. The members enjoy the meetings and enjoy the programs and the chance to visit with one another.

We are looking forward to another good year.

Chapter XXI - Dallas, Texas

Chartered in 1982

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President Barbara B. Baylis
First Vice-President Linda T. Juba
Treasurer..... Laurie G. Wharton
Recording Secretary Nancy B. Morian
Registrar Barbara H. Stacy

Chapter XXI – Dallas, Texas has sixty-eight members, three junior members, and one daughter of Dames. We have three Life Members. We lost one member, Mrs. Lewell A. Elrod of Baton Rouge, LA, who died on September 7, 2006.

Dr. Gracy of the University of Texas presented the program at our May meeting. After hearing of our “Cookie Project” and our desire to help those in the Armed Forces, he returned his honorarium, asking that it be used for future projects to help our men and women in service. This gave us a nice start on our 2006-2007 Project.

Project Chairman, Helen Kelso, announced our project for the year would be collecting phone cards to be delivered to the wounded soldiers and as their families at Brook Army Hospital in San Antonio. Most of these men have lost limbs and will face long rehabilitation. The manager of the new Fisher House in San Antonio will distribute these cards. The Fisher Houses were designed to work closely with our Army hospitals and serve the families of soldiers when they come to visit their loved ones. The cards will go to men and families in need of financial assistance.

In October, we met at Royal Oaks Country Club. Mr. Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, head of the Genealogy Department of the Dallas Public Library and a nationally known speaker, gave an outstanding program. With his speaker’s honorarium, Mr. Bockstruck purchased 4 rolls of microfilm. This microfilm was donated to the library in the name of Chapter XXI, CDA.

We met for a casual box lunch at the lovely home of Dottie Groth in February. A special 25th Anniversary Committee for Chapter XXI was announced. Committee chairman is Martha Williams who was instrumental in the founding of Chapter XXI in Dallas and served as the organizing president from 1982 to 1984. Also serving on the committee are our long-time members: Reggie Austin, Susanne Deppe, Ruth Hoff, Chili Sanders (charter member) and Helen Brooks. February is our business meeting.

We look forward to our 25th Anniversary Celebration on May 16. We will celebrate at the Degolyer House with a high tea at the Dallas Arboretum, overlooking beautiful White Rock Lake.

Chapter XXII – Michigan

Chartered in 1984

OFFICERS 2006-2007

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 Recording SecretaryMary Ellen L. Vangoff
 Corresponding SecretaryCatherine M. Pouls
 RegistrarBarbara B. Greene

The Colonial Dames of America Chapter XXII - Michigan met three times for a business and program meeting.

The July meeting was held at the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club on Grosse Ile. The program was on French voyageurs.

Our October meeting was held at Zehnder’s Restaurant in Frankenmuth. The program was on the Life of a British Soldier.

Our Annual Meeting was held at Family Buggy Restaurant in Bloomfield Hills. The program was to have been on a remodeling the Michigan State Capital building. The speaker canceled on the morning of our meeting, so the chapter shared stories on their ancestors.

This officer also answered correspondence in regard to the transfer of two chapter members.

Money and t-shirts were collected for the Detroit Veterans Hospital.

The present membership is 58. We have 2 new members, 1 prospective member, 3 transferred and 1 member passed away this year.

Chapter XXIII - Virginia

Chartered in 1986

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President.....Sarah F. Dickerson
 First Vice-PresidentLacey S. Hudgins
 Second Vice-President.....Mary R. Bass
 TreasurerElizabeth T. Courts
 Recording Secretary.....Lora H. Jenkins
 Corresponding Secretary.....Margaret C. Littleton
 RegistrarSylvia C. McElvey

Chapter XXIII looks forward to the 400th anniversary celebration in May at

America's birthplace, Jamestown, Virginia. The chapter will be recognized on Anniversary Weekend, May 11-13, 2007, for our continuing involvement in the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities Jamestown Rediscovery Project through our sponsorship of the Jamestown Fort site model. Chapter XXIII is most appreciative of the support we have received from the Colonial Dames of America chapters, especially the Parent Chapter and individual CDA members.

Annually, Chapter XXIII continues to support an archaeology graduate student, working with Dr. William Kelso at the Jamestown site. William M. Kelso is head archaeologist of the Jamestown Rediscovery Project. Dr. Kelso's book, *Jamestowne, The Buried Truth*, received a citation from the CDA's Book Award Committee this year. Dr. Kelso will be the featured speaker at a public forum Chapter XXIII is sponsoring in September 2007.

The chapter had four meetings this year at the following places of historical interest: We toured Jamestown settlement and Jamestown Island. We were delighted to have Patricia Bleecker Jones, past president general as the official delegate to the annual meeting. Our next meeting was in the Baltimore, MD, area where we toured Ladew House and Gardens and met with Chapter I for luncheon in Green Spring Valley Hunt Club. The Orange, Virginia, area was chosen for our third meeting. We toured Montpelier (home of President James Madison) and two private homes and gardens of interest. Our last trip was in April, to Philadelphia, PA, where we toured Woodfork House, Lemon Hill (administered by Chapter II), and Winterthur. Chapter XXIII's Jamestown 2007-2008 Committee met with APVA's Jamestown Rediscovery staff to discuss our continuing support for the archaeology project and the national celebration. Our committee chair, past president general Charlotte Miller, has been diligent in keeping her committee and the chapter focused on this most worthwhile project. As the celebrating in 2007 draws near we profusely thank Mrs. Miller for giving three years of tireless effort towards fulfilling our commitment to APVA and the national celebration. Her success is astounding.

Chapter XXIV - Atlanta, Georgia

Chartered in 1986

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President Ruth O. Reddick
First Vice-President Lynn Brackey
Second Vice-President..... Edith G. Miller
Treasurer..... Marion S. Bunker
Recording Secretary Marion S. Murray
Corresponding Secretary Velma D. Williams
Registrar Mary C. Woelper

Chapter XXIV held three meetings during the past year, in addition to the annual fall party with family members attending. In May, a guest speaker presented a program on paper marbling, an ancient craft which was brought to the colonies from Europe. At the October meeting, Dale Couch, senior archivist and historical research advisor at the Georgia Archives, discussed "Silver in Colonial American

Households” and displayed examples of antique silver. February brought a visit from our president general, Mrs. Audrey Svensson, and a luncheon in her honor was held at the Cherokee Town and Country Club in Atlanta, where she received a “Commendation and Official Welcome” signed by the Honorable Sonny Perdue, governor of Georgia. The chapter continues to support the CDA’s projects and is currently donating funds and volunteer time to the Restoration Project underway at Atlanta’s Historic Oakland Cemetery. The present membership is 50, with 2 applications pending.

Chapter XXV - Phoenix, Arizona

Chartered in 1990

OFFICERS 2006-2007

PresidentMargaret H. Boyd
First Vice-President Dorothy B. Holsclaw
Treasurer..... Laura B. Gladney
Recording SecretaryCarol C. Wold
Corresponding SecretaryCarol C. Wold
Registrar Joan P. Roney

The fall meeting of the Colonial Dames of America, Chapter XXV, was held at Arcadia Farms in Scottsdale, Arizona, on November 4, 2006.

Following lunch and the business meeting, a program by Nancy Long, a former docent at Williamsburg, presented the program “The Making of Colonial Williamsburg.”

Chapter XXV members and guests donated \$120 to purchase telephone calling cards to be sent to the Military Hospital at Landstuhl, Germany. The cards will be used by injured soldiers coming from Iraq and Afghanistan to call their families.

The annual meeting of the Colonial Dames of America, Chapter XXV, was held at Paradise Valley Country Club, Paradise Valley, Arizona, on March 22, 2007.

Mrs. Joseph Hlavay gave a report on the books nominated for the CDA book awards. Many of the members joined in the discussion of the books selected. Mr. Bliz Thompson, owner of Zapffe Silversmiths, presented the program “Colonial Silver.”

In addition to a history of Colonial Silversmiths, Mr. Thompson had requested that members bring pieces of silver to discuss. The members were delighted to learn the history and value of family treasures. Mr. Thompson presented a gift of Hagerty silver cleaning products to each member present.

Chapter XXV has 23 active members, 3 courtesy members and 3 prospective members are working on papers.

CHAPTER XXVI – Austin, Texas

Chartered in 1992

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President Laura B. Wilson
First Vice-President Lorraine V. Donnell
Treasurer.....Sue K. Porter
Recording Secretary Barbara B. Barrera
Corresponding Secretary Ella L. Sheffield
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Chapter XXVI - Austin, Texas has four meetings a year. We end the year with a business meeting and luncheon in April.

Chapter XXVI has 28 active and 1 junior member.

CHAPTER XXVI - San Antonio, Texas

Chartered in 1993

OFFICERS 2006-2007

President Julia B. Scheibe
First Vice-PresidentMary W. White
Second Vice-President.....Sarah M. Jordan
Treasurer.....Sarah M. Jordan
Recording SecretaryRosemary D. Sanders
Corresponding SecretaryAlice E. Johnson
RegistrarBetty C. Hutzler

Chapter XXVII – San Antonio, Texas, has three meetings a year. Chapter XXVII has 24 active and 2 emerita members.

CHAPTER XXVIII – Melbourne, Florida

Chartered in 1994

OFFICERS 2006-2007

PresidentGlendolyn P. Walton
First Vice-PresidentMary T. Cope
Second Vice-President..... Anne S. Schwanda
Treasurer..... Nelle H. Mussler
Recording SecretaryBarbara A. Waggaman
Corresponding Secretary Abigail P. Flowers
Registrar Jo Brown Compton

Chapter XXVIII is sad to report the death of two members and the resignation of one of our charter members. We held three meetings: the first was held at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club in Indialantic where we celebrated our eleventh anniversary and installation. President Mussler passed the Nellie Huber CDA Insignia to Glenda Walton as well as a gavel which she had engraved and presented to the chapter.

Mrs. Dave Cooper presented a most informative program on hereditary and lineage associations. Our second meeting was also held at the Eau Gallie Yacht Club when our speaker Mr. Andrew Batten presented a program entitled “We Are What They Ate: Colonial Food and the Making of America.” Our annual meeting was held at the Vero Beach Country Club where we enjoyed our speaker Mrs. Ada Coats Williams, a retired professor emerita who spoke to us about loving, humorous, and poignant moments from life and literature. At this meeting we enjoyed having 31 members, prospects and guests.

Our programs chairman, Mrs. Dave Cooper, has done a wonderful job obtaining interesting and informative speakers to the meetings.

Chapter XXVIII discussed and unanimously approved donations to education and scholarship, museum, library and archives, and agreed to donate a monetary amount in honor of our three deceased members: Mrs. Bock, Mrs. Hugerford and Mrs. Huber. We look forward to the new year with enthusiasm.

CHAPTER XXIX – North Carolina

Chartered in 1999

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Recording Secretary	Francine P. Rees
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Registrar	Elizabeth H. Hobbs

I have been putting things in order for the new president and writing reports. I marvel at how quickly these three years have gone by. Thank you for the opportunity to lead our CDA Chapter XXIX. I'm pleased with your altruistic support of the Leonidas LaFayette Polk House Foundation, the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum Garden and Grounds, and our NC State Library. The genealogy division has added much appreciated and much needed books through your generosity. We have had an enjoyable visit from our national president, Audrey Svensson, and her husband Sten. Many of you were able to participate in that luncheon. We have added new members and kept our hard-working registrar, Betty Hobbs, busy. I appreciate the work and support of our board. We have a chapter in which we should all take great pride.

The October 6th issue of *The Wake County Physician* featured Abigail Adams on the cover. Dr. Meymandi commented that very little had been written about the "Founding Mothers," who kept the farms running, children rearing the community coherent and spirits stirring." That issue was devoted to "those brave, wise, enduring women such as Abigail Adams, Martha Custis Washington, Martha Jefferson, Dolley Madison and innumerable others who were the backbones of the founding fathers."

Dr. Meymandi went on to say that he was most impressed with Abigail Adams (b. 11 November 1744 and died October 28, 1818). He thought it appropriate to observe her two hundred and sixty- second birthday and one hundred and eighty- eighth death anniversary.

"Although she had no formal education, she read voraciously as a young girl and taught herself Latin and Greek. After marrying John Adams in 1764, she had six deliveries, five children and one stillborn. As a lawyer's wife, and later, the United States' First Lady, she devoted herself to raising her children, including her son John Quincy Adams, a future President of the United States, providing moral support and encouragement to her husband, and literally mothering and nurturing another future President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson."

I wish you all a wonderful rest of spring and a good summer. There is an old saying that "when one can put their foot on seven daisies, summer is here."

CHAPTER XXX - Venice, Florida

Chartered in 1999

OFFICERS 2006-2007

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Treasurer.....Lois M. Hein
Recording SecretaryDoris T. Johnson
Corresponding Secretary.....Carolyn J. Van Helden
RegistrarMary Ellen Y. Lowe

Chapter XXX held its first Board Meeting May 2006 at the home of President Virginia Chase. This was a productive meeting. Plans were made for the three luncheon meetings, with place determined and programs recommended.

In October, Betty Intagalati, president of the Venice Area Historical Society, spoke about the “Four Visionary Women of Venice.” The named women had a prominent place in the early planning of the hospital, library, landscaping, and cultural activities of Venice. We are indebted to their foresight.

An interesting Power Point presentation, “Genealogy with Your Computer,” was given in January. Presenter Anne Young illustrated with pictures and narration a way other than writing, to share family history.

We welcomed proposed candidates to our annual meeting in March. We recognized new elected officers Mary Ellen Lowe as president, and Gioia Brock as registrar.

Jerry Madden spoke of the benefit to the community during the thirty-one years the circus headquarters were in Venice. He also told of the present effort to save the aged circus arena building from being demolished. Currently the building and surrounding grounds are being used by Tito Giona, a well-known circus aerialist, to teach students the skills of performing on a tightrope and trapeze. We viewed the DVD program Ann Dodderidge has prepared. “The Circus Comes to Venice” will be available for viewing by visitors at the Depot. We continue to have circus coloring books and crayons available for purchase at the depot.

The Board Members were pleased in February to have President General Audrey Svensson be their guest at a luncheon at the Harmony House in Venice. She brought the beautiful CDA scarf that can be purchased, told of the programs presented by the parent chapter, and showed how she attached her insignia to the CDA ribbon. We are appreciative of her sharing time out of her busy schedule with us.

We currently have 23 members, 1 courtesy member, and 3 members emerita. Three prospective members are working on their paper. Kay Barney continues reporting on her Book Award choices, which stimulated our reading. We contributed to the Jamestown Restoration Project, the genealogy research and preservation fund and the organization members with the Venice Area Historical Society.

CHAPTER XXXI – South Carolina

Chartered in 2006

OFFICERS 2006-2007

PresidentDyane D. Kellogg
First Vice-President Anna S. McCurry
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Recording Secretary Barbara H. Holland
Corresponding Secretary Bonnie M. O'Lena
Registrar Diane C. Watts

Chapter XXXI-South Carolina, chartered 2006, was dedicated in 2007 at historic Hopsewee Plantation, built 1740, birthplace of Thomas Lynch, Jr., signer of the Declaration of Independence. The president general and 35 attendees were present. The Mount Vernon Hotel Museum and Hopsewee Plantation are the chapter's projects. Checks were given to the president general for the Mount Vernon Hotel Museum, and to the representative of Hopsewee Plantation.

Chapter rolls include 53 names, some members, some working on papers. A daughter Dame was the first person accepted into the chapter: Jordan Seabury Neal, granddaughter of the president, a University of Oklahoma student, Alpha Phi member and scholarship recipient.

At the Battle of Kettle creek's 228th anniversary (1779-2007) Camille Baxter and Robin Towns, registrar presented the chapter's CDA wreath.

Honoring the President General both the chapter and the chapter president sent checks to Chapter XXIII's Historic Jamestown Rediscovery project. The chapter president represented the group at the South Carolina Hall of Fame ceremony when Revolutionary War hero Peter Horry was inducted. Two of his collateral descendants are members of the chapter. Chapter XXXI was also represented by the president at the annual meeting of the South Carolina Jamestown Society.

Publicity included articles and photos in *The Palmetto Patriot*, South Carolina Sons of the American Revolution's paper, and *The North Myrtle Beach* (SC) Times.

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